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H. RES. 44

To commend the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl
Championship Series National Championship Game.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2007

Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MACK, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Ms. CASTOR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

To commend the University of Florida Gators for winning
the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

Whereas, on January 8, 2007, the University of Florida
Gators defeated the Ohio State Buckeyes 41–14 in the
Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game
in Glendale, Arizona;

Whereas the Gators' dominating victory over Ohio State was
the second national title for the University of Florida, the
other won in 1996;

Whereas the Gators become the first Division I school to hold
the national championships in men's basketball and foot-
ball at the same time;

Whereas head coach Urban Meyer, a former Ohio State assistant coach, became only the 7th coach to win a national title within his first two seasons at a school;

Whereas quarterback Chris Leak was named the offensive MVP, completing 25 of 36 passes for 213 yards and a touchdown;

Whereas the Gators' two-quarterback system and innovative offense produced 370 yards of total offense and 41 points against a Buckeyes' defense that had previously only allowed an average of 10 points and 273 total yards;

Whereas the Gators' offense dominated the time of possession, controlling the ball for nearly 41 minutes compared to Ohio State's 19;

Whereas defensive end Derrick Harvey tied a BCS game record with 3 sacks and was named the defensive MVP;

Whereas the Gators' defense held Ohio State's offense, which had averaged 36 points and over 400 yards per game during the season, to only 82 yards of total offense, 8 first downs, and 7 points;

Whereas the Gators finished their season an impressive 13–1, including a Southeast Conference championship and a national championship;

Whereas the Gators' players and coaches football team represent the University and the State of Florida with honor and integrity; and

Whereas residents of Florida and Gator fans worldwide are to be commended for their longstanding support, perseverance, and pride in the team: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) commends the University of Florida Gators
2 for winning the Bowl Championship Series National
3 Championship;

4 (2) recognizes the achievements of the players,
5 coaches, students, and support staff who were in-
6 strumental in the victory; and

7 (3) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
8 atives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Uni-
9 versity of Florida President J. Bernard Machen and
10 head coach Urban Meyer for appropriate display.

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